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SUBJECT: INFORMAL PRESENTATION ON CHINA

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LORD

1. I AM SPEAKING AT LUNCH MONDAY JUNE 2 TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR UNITED STATES - CHINA TRADE; ABOUT 150 RELATIVELY HIGH - POWERED EXECUTIVES PLUS AMBASSADOR HAN HSU AND A FEW FROM THE LIAISON OFFICE WILL BE THERE. PHIL HABIB WAS SLATED AS SPEAKER BUT OF COURSE IS STILL IN ASIA. I WILL TALK INFORMALLY WITHOUT A TEXT AND TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS. THIS IS THE GROUP HEADED BY CHRIS PHILLIPS WHICH YOU SPOKE TO A YEAR AGO IN WASHINGTON.

2. I PLAN, AND DEVOUTLY HOPE, TO BE BLAND AND HAVE MY APPEARANCE GO UNNOTICED. I WANTED TO ALERT YOU TO THE EVENT, HOWEVER, AND SOLICIT ANY THEMES OR GENERAL TONE THAT YOU WOULD WANT ME TO INTRODUCE.

3. THE BASIC STRAND OF MY REMARKS WILL BE THAT WE SHOULD TREAT US-CHINA RELATIONS IN BALANCED, HARD-HEADED
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FASHION, AVOIDING THE EXTREMES OF INTRANSIGENCE AND ROMANCE THAT HAVE MARKED OUR HISTORY, MOST PARTICULARLY SINCE WORLD WAR II. WE ARE OVER THE INITIAL ADVENTURE/ EUPHORIA OF 1971-1972 AND THAT CAN BE HEALTHY.

WE ARE ON A PATH THAT IS IN THE LONG TERM INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, BUT WE SHOULD EXPECT DISAGREEMENTS ALONG THE WAY. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK I WOULD SKETCH THE FORCES THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER IN 1969-1971, WHERE WE HAVE COME TO DATE, AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

4. IF I GET A QUESTION ON NORMALIZATION I WOULD SAY THAT WE WILL PURSUE OUR FIXED COURSE, AS THE PRESIDENT SAID ON APRIL 10; THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS TO BE WORKED OUT; THAT THERE IS NO FIXED SCHEDULE OR CONDITIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP; AND THAT WITH MUTUAL EFFORT WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS. ON CHINESE RHETORIC OR ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO THIRD COUNTRIES, I WOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN PHILOSOPHY AND ON MANY INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, AS REFLECTED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE; THAT BOTH SIDES CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXPRESS THESE DIFFERENCES, THOUGH FRANKLY IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS IF THE CHINESE WOULD DROP A FEW ADJECTIVES; AND THAT THE BASIC TASK IS TO WORK ON, AND TRY TO EXPAND, ELEMENTS ON WHICH OUR VIEWS ARE SIMILAR OR PARALLEL.

5. I WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR PARTICULAR POINTS YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO MAKE. INGERSOLL

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